

Pierce County

Mr. Orlandini,

Answers to your questions are in bold print below. If you have any more questions or would like further clarification please feel free to contact me.

My warmest regards to Representative Moeller.

/s/ Mark Mascho

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>>> "Orlandini, Anthony" <Orlandini.Anthony@leg.wa.gov> 2/19/08 11:32 AM >>>
Hello Mr. Mascho,

My name is Anthony Orlandini, I am contacting you from the Office of State Representative Jim Moeller. I am putting together a research project and was hoping you could clarify some questions about your county's veterans assistance for me.

What is your operating budget and the total amount of funds allocated to the Indigent Veterans Fund?

Total 2008 Budget: \$914,210

What is the total amount paid directly to Veterans?

\$611,440

How much of the budget is being used for administration costs?

\$302,970

Other costs?

\$211,000

These funds are the two Stand-Down events and the Incarcerated Veterans Re-Entry Program (IVREP). Part of these funds go into veteran support for these programs, i.e.; food and clothing for Stand-Downs; housing, bus passes, dental and vision for IVREP. However, the amounts spent on direct veteran support vary from year to year.

Are you making use of the Indigent Veterans Fund?

Our office administers the fund for Pierce County.

Are you getting requests for funding from the Indigent Veterans Fund and who is processing those requests?

Several agencies and VSO's refer clients to us. Pierce County Veterans' Bureau processes the applications and issues the assistance vouchers.

Does your county have a Veterans Advisory Committee?

Yes.

Do you have an inter-local agreement to provide services for veterans with any other counties or programs?

Yes, we have contracted with the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs to administer IVREP.

Are you providing funding to any veterans outside of the county?

No. (At least none that we are aware of.)

Thank you for your time.

Best Always,

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Gallegos, Maureen

Subject: FW: Stand-Down and Incarcerated Veterans

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Mascho [mailto:MMASCHO@co.pierce.wa.us]
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2008 12:36 PM
To: Gallegos, Maureen
Subject: RE: Stand-Down and Incarcerated Veterans

Maureen,

Not exactly sure if the funds are matched but I do know it costs WDVA more to run the program than the funds we provide them.

/s/ Mark

>>> "Gallegos, Maureen" <Gallegos.Maureen@leg.wa.gov> 5/20/08 9:29 AM >>>
Mark, just to make sure that I understand this funds from the Indigent Veterans fund are matched with funds from the state to finance the Incarcerated Veterans program?

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-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Mascho [mailto:MMASCHO@co.pierce.wa.us]
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2008 11:49 AM
To: Moeller, Rep. Jim
Cc: Willie Tart; Jerry Towne
Subject: Stand-Down and Incarcerated Veterans

In reply to your phone inquiry:

Pacific Northwest Stand-Down has been putting on two homeless Stand-Down events a year since 1994. Combined, the two events have averaged about 250 to 300 veterans each year over the last three years. These numbers have dropped slightly over the years.

The Incarcerated Veterans Re-Entry Project (IVREP) is a contracted service between Pierce County Veterans' Bureau (VTB) and the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA). The program enables the Veterans Bureau to contract with WDVA for one employee to go into the Pierce County Jail system; identify veterans and/or have the veterans identify themselves; and to enroll qualified veterans into the program.

2007 was the first year for the IVREP in Pierce County. Initially a budget of \$100,000 was approved for the project. When a supplemental budget request for Veterans Relief was approved in the second half of 2007 an additional \$48,000 was allocated to IVREP. Attached is a pdf file of the IVREP stats submitted in the Pierce County Veterans' Bureau annual report. All the goals established for 2007 were exceeded.

The IVREP budget for 2008 was approved at \$196,000. The statistical data for 2008 indicates the program is continuing to succeed beyond established goals. However, statistics do not really tell the story.

These are individual men and women each with their own story and circumstance. The statistics do not tell of the veteran who was able to get some minor dental work done through the program which greatly enhanced his ability to stay on the job. They do not tell of eye exams and glasses that enabled veterans to see better. And they certainly do not tell of the many times the IVREP and the Veterans Relief Fund have worked hand in hand to help indigent veterans feel like worthy individuals again.

If you require additional information please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

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Incarcerated Veterans Re-Entry Program (IVREP)

Total Statistics for 2007

Veterans Contacted: 319

Enrolled into program: 95 (2007 goal: 30)

Job Placements: 20 (2007 goal: 14)

Early Release Days: 2,245

Housing/Shelter Placements: 16 (2007 goal: 10)

Alcohol/Drug Treatment Admissions: 25

Recidivism: 02 (2.1%) (2007 goal: Under 25%)